THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT.) SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) "Deep Seismic Sounding" (DSS) is a seismic survey method (usually refreaction) used for studying deeprer events like basement configuration, tectonic setting of sedimentary basins, so far as oil exploration is concerned.

There is no proposal to appoint a Scientific expert/advisor on "Deep Sounding" in the Ministry as since 1976 such surveys have been carried out by National Geophysical Research Institute on contract bassis for ONGC, OIL and other organizations.

ONGC's plan to renovate sick oil wells

1177. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND MANUAL NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ONGC has drawn up any plan to renovate sick oil wells;

(b) by when this plan is likely to be completed; and

(c) what is the likely shortfall in crude oil production because of renovation work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAP. SATISH SHARMA) . (a) and (b) Quarterly workover plans are prepared by ONGC Ltd., for repairing the sick/non-flowing oil wells based on priorities drawn in each region/project. This is a continuous process.

(c) The anual oil production plans are prepared keeping in view the workover/repair plans of sick/non-flowing wells. Therefore, no shortfall in the planned production can normally be attributed to the repair of sick/non flowing wells.

Prices of imported crude oil

1178. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average price at which crude oil was imported during 1992-93;

(b) what is the average price paid to ONGC and Oil India for their crude oil; and

(c) what is the level of customs duty on imported crude oil ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) (a) The average price of crude oil imported during 1992-93 was US $ 17 88 per barrel.

(b) Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Oil India Limited have been paid an average price of Rs. 1,505/MT with effect from 15/16-9-1992 for the crude supplies.

(c) The custom duty on imported crude oil is Rs. 1,500 per MT.

Withdrawal of special cess on petroleum products

1179. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are continuing to impose special cess petroleum products introduced in the wake of the Gulf War on a temporary basis; and

(b) by when Government propose to withdraw this cess ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) (a) and (b) In view of the fluidity in the international oil market, there is no proposal at present to withdraw the Gulf Surcharge.

Oman gas pipe line project

1180. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be

pleased to state the details about total availability of gas, total investment required, landed cost of gas, sources of finance, time fixed for its completion, terms on which the project has come into existence and what manner it is going to benefit the nation pertaining to Oman Pipe line project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAP. SATISH SHARMA): Discussions regarding these details and terms of supply of natural gas from Oman have not been completed.

Feasibility reports of O.N.G.C. for development of 'S-1 Sand and South Heera' Projects

1181. SHRI SURESH KALANDI : Will the Minister of PETROLMUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has submitted feasibility reports to Government costing crores of rupees for the development of 'S-1 Sand' 'South Heera' Phase-II project in the Bombay Offshore area;

(b) if so, what are the details of the reports; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAP. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Government have received ONGC's proposals for the Development S-1 Sand field (Bombay High) and Development of Heera South Phase-II at a total cost of Rs. 542 39 crores and Rs. 452 54 crores, respectively.

Oil Refinery at Bina by Bharat Petroleum Corporation

1182. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Petroleum Corporation has tied up with the Oman Oil Company to set up a Rs. 5,000 crore oil Refinery at Bina in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAP. SATSIH SHARMA): (a) and (b) In pursuance of a Memorandum of Understanding signed amongst Government of India., Government of Sultanate of Oman, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and the Oman Oil Company Ltd. on 13th March, 1993 to set up a 6 MMTPA oil refinery in Madhya Pradesh, BPCL and Oman Oil Company Ltd. have since signed a Joint Venture Agreement for implementation of this project. The refinery will be located at Bina in Madhya Pradesh. The two partners will have equal share holding of 26% in the Joint Venture.

पेट्रोल, डीजल और मिट्टी के तेल की आवश्यकता

1183. **श्री शिवचरण सिंह : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि**

(क) देश में पैट्रोल, डीजल और मिट्टी के तेल का कुल कितन उत्पादन होता है और पैट्रोल, डीजल और मिट्टी के तेल की कुल कितनी मात्रा का आयात किया जाता है और किस-किस देश से इसका आयात किया जाता है;

(ख) देश में हमारी आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप पेट्रोल, डीजल और कच्चे तेल का कब तक पर्याप्त उत्पादन होने की संभावना है, अथवा ऐसा संभव नहीं है यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) देश में तेल के कितने भंडार हैं और किन-किन स्थानों पर तेल कुंओं से तेल बाहर निकाला जाता है तथा किन-किन स्थानों पर इस तरह के तेल शोधक कारखाने स्थापित किए गए हैं और इनकी संख्या कितनी है; और

(घ) क्या इस क्षेत्र में देश को आत्म निर्भर बनाने के लिए सरकार के पास कोई ठोस योजना है यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?